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COVID-19 Updates



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Long Island Begins Reopening Phase Today

Amid Coronavirus Pandemic

New York State Legislature Reconvened For Session Today; Governor Calls For Federal Funding; Resource Navigator Program To Begin Next Week; and More!

NYS Confirmed: 364,965
NYS Deaths: 23,643
NYC Confirmed: 199,968
Brooklyn Confirmed: 54,779

NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE



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The New York State Legislature reconvened today for session and passed a number of bills, including the following:

- **A10189-A/S07996-B**

- To prevent **schools** from losing **state funding** due to school closing.
- **A9036/ S07082**
 - Extends the time to file a claim a **child sexual abuse** case.
- **A10294/S8181A**
 - Establishes a **state disaster emergency loan program** for small businesses and small not-for-profit corporations.
- **A10270/S08189**
 - To update New York's **anti-price gouging law** to include medical supplies and services as well as goods and services.
- **A10438-A/S08251**
 - Relates to the determination of points for service award programs for volunteer firefighters and volunteer ambulance workers during a state disaster emergency.
- **A10447-A/S08362**
 - Requires that COVID-19 **contact tracers** be representative of the cultural and linguistic diversity of the communities in which they serve to the greatest extent practicable.
- **A10351-B/S08243**
 - Relates to the **forbearance of residential mortgage** payments; requires New York regulated banking organizations to make applications for forbearance for residential mortgages available to qualified mortgagors during the period in which the NY on PAUSE order is in effect in the county wherein the qualified mortgagor is located and to grant such applications for a period of 180 days.
- **A10290-B/ S08192**
 - Provides that no court shall issue a warrant of **eviction** or judgment of possession against a

residential tenant that has suffered a **financial hardship for the non-payment of rent** that accrues or becomes due during the COVID-19 covered period

- **A10446-A/S08415**
 - Repeals prohibition on wearing costumes and masks in public and penal law that relates to crime of loitering.
- **A10326-A/ S08397**
 - Prohibits health care employers from penalizing employees because of complaints of employer violations.
- **A10404-A/S08416**
 - Includes audio-only and video-only **telehealth and telemedicine services** in those telehealth and telemedicine services eligible for reimbursement.
- **A10409-A/ S08236**
 - Provides that local code enforcement officers may issue blanket orders **extending the expiration date for all active building permits** for a period of up to but not exceeding **120** days beyond the expiration date stated in the permit.
- To find additional assembly bills that were passed visit [here](#) and to find senate bills visit [here](#).

Video on Child Victim's Act Look Back Window Extended



Eviction Moratorium



Mortgage Forbearance



NYS: GOVERNOR CUOMO



Photo Credit: Office of Governor Andrew M. Cuomo

- Today, after meeting with **President Trump**, Governor Cuomo called on the federal government to pass coronavirus relief bills that would provide more support to states. The governor urged Congress to vote to:
 - Repeal **State and Local Tax (SALT)** deduction limitations and;
 - Pass the '**Americans First Law**' to help prevent corporate bailouts after the COVID-19 pandemic.
 - The governor also urged the president to support infrastructure projects in New York -- including the revitalization and expansion of the Hudson River Amtrak tunnels, the overhaul of the AirTrain at LaGuardia Airport and the next phase of the Second Avenue subway. Cuomo said these projects would supercharge the economy.

- **Long Island** has met all seven metrics to begin phase one of **reopening today**. The Mid-Hudson Valley, Capital Region, Western New York, Central New York, North Country, Finger Lakes, Southern Tier and Mohawk Valley Regions have already begun the reopening phase.
- For more information visit [here](#).

NYC: MAYOR DE BLASIO



Photo Credit: New York Times

- **Mayor de Blasio** announced that NYC is conducting more than **20,000** COVID-19 tests per day and the goal is to reach **50,000** by **August 1st**.
 - There will be over **180** testing sites by the end of **June**.
- The city has hired **200 resource navigators** to combat COVID-19.

- The resource navigators will ensure people who test positive for the virus are well cared for at home and have access to food, medicine, and are properly isolated.
- Staff will be from BronxWorks, the Chinese-American Planning Council, The City University of New York, JCC of Staten Island, RiseBoroNYC, Met Council, Sunnyside Community Services, Catholic Charities of New York, SCO Family of Services, Consortium for Worker Education, Bedford Stuyvesant Restoration Corporation, Make the Road New York, Northern Manhattan Improvement Corporation, SoBRO, and Urban Upbound.
 - Navigators will start next week.
- Those who cannot social distance at home can be referred to a **NYC Health + Hospitals Take Care Hotel** to receive:
 - **Free hotel room** with medical monitoring
 - local calls and laundry
 - **1,200** rooms have already been secured and **3,000** will be available by the summer
 - Providers can email [here](#) to provide referrals, Symptomatic New Yorkers without a doctor can call (844) 692-4692 to apply for the **COVID-19 Hotel Program**.
- As the Test & Trace program grows, the Mayor's Office will meet with **Community Advisory Board** leaders twice a week to provide them with feedback. These leaders are from **60** organizations across the City.
- June is Mental Health Awareness Month. New Yorkers who are feeling stressed or anxious, should call (888) NYC-WELL (692-9355) or visit [here](#).

NYC DAILY COVID-19 INDICATORS

New hospitalizations: 55 (down from 63)

ICU admissions: 431 (up from 423)
COVID-19 positive tests: 8% (up from 7%)

The city's goal is to keep new hospitalizations below 200 , ICU admissions under 375 and the percentage of positive tests below 15 .

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT



Photo Credit: Common Dreams; U.S Education Secretary Betsy DeVos

- The House of Representatives held its first partly **remote vote** today, using a new proxy voting system. This new system allows "absent lawmakers to designate another member who is physically present to record a vote on his or her behalf during COVID-19." For more information visit [here](#).
- The mayor of **Washington, D.C.** said that the city will start to **loosen** its "stay-at-home restrictions" on Friday.
- **U.S. Education Secretary Betsy DeVos** said she plans to direct "public school districts to share federal rescue funding with private school students, regardless of their family income." For more information visit [here](#).

- **California** has reached at least **100,000** COVID-19 cases. It joins Illinois, New Jersey and New York with the highest case counts. For more information visit [here](#).

FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Don't Go Hungry!



Brooklyn Museum

Hello neighbors!

Help is on the way as the **Brooklyn Museum** launches a partnership with **The Campaign Against Hunger** to offer food distribution starting on **Monday, June 1, 3–5 pm**.

To ensure we have the right amount of food, **sign-up by emailing is required:** healthymeals@brooklynmuseum.org

The Campaign Against Hunger (TCAH) is one of the most trusted nonprofits working to end hunger and build health in our local communities. As we witness the vastly disproportionate economic and social impacts of COVID-19 on already-struggling New Yorkers, we know many of our neighbors are in need of emergency food for their families. Learn more at <https://www.tcahnyc.org>.

Where

Brooklyn Museum
Biergarten (in the parking
lot behind the Museum)
200 Eastern Parkway
Brooklyn, NY 11238

When

Weekly starting
Monday, June 1,
3–5 pm

Spread the word!

Photo Credit: Brooklyn Museum

Brooklyn Museum will be operating as a Food Distribution site starting on **Monday, June 1st** at 3:00 p.m. — 5:00 p.m. To

ensure that they have the right amount of food, sign up by emailing [here](#).

COVID-19 TENANT TOWN HALL



COVID-19 **TENANT** Town Hall

EVICITION MORATORIUM * RENTAL VOUCHERS * ONE-SHOT DEAL

- Having difficulty **paying your rent**?
- Confused about the **Eviction Moratorium**?
- Interested in **learning about rental vouchers**?
- Could you be eligible for **one-time financial help with rent**?

JOIN US for this **free webinar** with **housing professionals**

Thursday, May 28, 2020 * 6:00-7:30pm

Register: <https://bit.ly/2yxdP4e>



Join representatives from NHS Brooklyn, Housing Answers, and the Attorney General's Housing Protection Unit tomorrow, **Thursday, May 28** from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. This webinar is free and open to the public, space is limited. To register, go visit [here](#) .

DISNEY WORLD TO REOPEN



Photo Credit: Disney World

Disney World plans to begin a phased reopening on **July 11** for its Magic Kingdom and Animal Kingdom parks and **July 15** for EPCOT and Hollywood Studios. For more information visit [here](#).

ALTERNATE-SIDE PARKING



Photo Credit: NY1

Mayor de Blasio announced that **Alternate-Side Parking** is **suspended** again through **Sunday, June 7th**.

COVID-19 TESTING IN FLATBUSH



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42nd Assembly District



FLATBUSH AVENUE WALK-IN COVID-19 TESTING SITE

*This testing site is **by appointment only**.*

You **must** contact the
NYS Department of Health
at **1-888-364-3065** to
schedule an appointment.

Brookdale Family Care Center

1095 Flatbush Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11226

For more information about this or any community concern,
contact Assemblymember Bichotte's district office

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We have a **drive through** and **walk-in** COVID-19 testing site in the **42nd Assembly District** . **You must make an appointment before visiting the center or you will be turned away.** To make an appointment you **must** contact the NYS Department of Health at **888-364-3065**.



Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte
42nd Assembly District



Sears Parking Lot

2307 Beverley Road
Brooklyn, NY 11226

Testing site is BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

For appointment call 888-364-3065

*If you experience symptoms or have been exposed
to someone with the virus, call your doctor*



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MULTISYSTEM INFLAMMATORY SYNDROME IN CHILDREN (MIS-C)



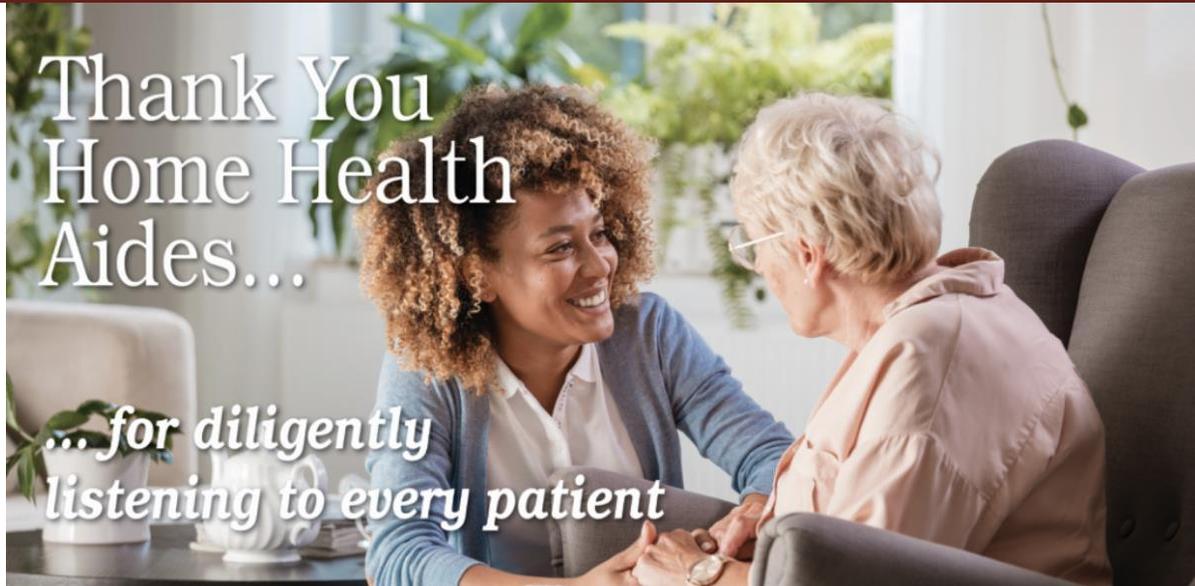
Photo Credit: Norton Children's

Governor Cuomo announced that a new investigation is underway regarding potential COVID-19 related **cases in children**. Symptoms can be compared to Kawasaki disease and toxic shock-like syndrome. The Department of Health issued an advisory of what's called the Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children, or MIS-C, and now **requires** health care providers to **immediately report** all related cases. The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene released a [health advisory](#) detailing current findings.

- New Yorkers should **seek immediate** care if a child has:
 - Prolonged fever (more than five days)
 - Difficulty feeding (infants) or is too sick to drink fluids
 - Severe abdominal pain, diarrhea or vomiting
 - Change in skin color - becoming pale, patchy and/or blue
 - Trouble breathing or is breathing very quickly
 - Racing heart or chest pain
 - Decreased amount of frequency in urine

- Lethargy, irritability or confusion

THANK YOU ESSENTIAL WORKERS



During these unprecedented and difficult times, **we thank our essential workers** who are serving on the front lines. Today, we thank our **home health aides** for being there when our seniors need them the most.

COMPLETE THE 2020 CENSUS



As we face unprecedented challenges in the fight against COVID-19, we must remember to complete the the **2020 Census** . The census asks just 10 simple questions that can be answered in just a few minutes online by visiting [here](#) or by calling 844-330-2020.

AVOID SCAMS



Photo Credit: Pixabay/CDC

- Notify NYC: Beware of COVID-19 scams!
- Report **price gouging** to 311 or [NYC.gov/dewp](https://www.nyc.gov/dewp). You can also file a complaint to the Attorney General's office by filling out a [complaint form](#).
- **NYS Price Gouging Hotline**: 800-697-1220.
- CDC staff will **NOT** go door-to-door. If you experience this, call 911.

SERVICES AND RESOURCES



Photo Credit: Ansi.org

Due to the impact of COVID-19 on New York City's workforce, the City of New York has developed a list of resources for those who may be unemployed due to COVID-19 or are seeking additional assistance. The list below will be updated frequently.

It has information on the following categories:

- **Employment Resources**
- **Food Assistance**
- **Health & Medical Assistance**
- **Financial Assistance**
- **Rent Arrears and Public Assistance**
- **Emotional Support & Spiritual Care**
- **Other Assistance**

Visit this [website](#) for resources.

NYS Department of Health Hotline for people who want to be assessed and get appointment for test (888-364-3065). NYC residents should call (844-692-4692).

Volunteer to Support

Others: https://www1.nyc.gov/site/helpnownyc/resources/covid-19-relief.page#healthcare_workers.

Free Internet Services:

Charter is offering free spectrum broadband and WiFi access for 60 days to household with K-12 and/or college students who do not already have Spectrum broadband subscription. To enroll, **call 844-488-8395**.

Until further notice, all Xfinity WiFi Public Hotspots are now open to everyone on the "xfinitywifi" SSID. For more information visit [here](#).

FreshDirect meals:

Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams in partnership with **FreshDirect** is providing free food packages. Each box contains the following:

- Rice, 2 bags, 16oz
- Pasta, 2 boxes, 16oz
- Canned beans, 2 cans, 10-16oz
- Canned Meat/Fish, 2 cans, 3 to 5 oz
- Canned Vegetable, 2 cans, 8 to 15 oz
- Raisins / Dry Fruit, 4 boxes, 2 oz per box
- Cereal/Oatmeal, 1 Box, 10 to 20 oz
- Milk / Milk Substitute, 1 container, 32 oz
- Corn, 2 ears
- 2 Potatoes
- 1 Onion
- 1 Carrot
- Orange / Apple, 2 in total

The packages will arrive by FreshDirect vehicles to locations listed [here](#) . If you have any questions, call (718) 802-3700.

IMMIGRATION

- If you or a loved one is in need of free immigration assistance, please call **CUNY Citizenship Now** at 646-664-9400 or text at 929-334-3784, Monday to Friday from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Visit their [website](#) for more information.
- **Open Society Foundation** has established the **Immigrant Emergency Relief Program** which is a \$20 million fund that will provide 20,000 undocumented immigrants with a one-time monetary emergency relief.
 - \$400/individual
 - \$800/couple or single parent with children
 - \$1,000/family with multiple adults and children
 - for more information, click [here](#).

SMALL BUSINESS

- The Federal Government is offering programs to support small businesses:
 - **Paycheck Protection Program** provides a loan that will be forgiven if employees are retained on payroll for a period of time. For more information, click [here](#).
 - **Economic Injury Disaster Loan** is a low interest loan to cover expense beyond payroll costs. For more information, click [here](#).
- New York City Small Business Services has a host of other services for small businesses including grant and loan opportunities. For more information, click [here](#).

In-District Businesses open/closed provided by **Flatbush Avenue BID and Church Avenue BID**: Visit Flatbush Avenue

Business Directory [here](#) and Church Avenue Business directory [here](#). Businesses open/closed list provided by **Flatbush Development Corporation**: Visit Flatbush Business Corridor Directory [here](#). Includes businesses located in:

- Cortelyou Road (Coney Island Ave. - Ocean Ave.)
- Coney Island Avenue (Cortelyou Road - Foster Ave.)
- Newkirk Plaza
- Newkirk Avenue (Coney Island Ave. - Ocean Ave.)
- Foster Avenue (Coney Island Ave. - Ocean Ave.)
- Ditmas Park

WHAT TO DO IF YOU ARE SICK WITH COVID-19



What to do if you are sick with coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)

If you are sick with COVID-19 or suspect you are infected with the virus that causes COVID-19, follow the steps below to help prevent the disease from spreading to people in your home and community.

Stay home except to get medical care

You should restrict activities outside your home, except for getting medical care. Do not go to work, school, or public areas. Do not use public transportation, ride-sharing, or taxis.

Separate yourself from other people in your home

As much as possible, you should stay in a specific room and away from other people in your home. Also, you should use a separate bathroom, if available.

Call ahead before visiting your doctor

If you have a medical appointment, call the healthcare provider and tell them that you have or may have COVID-19. This will help the healthcare provider's office take steps to keep other people from getting infected or exposed.

Wear a facemask

You should wear a facemask when you are around other people (e.g., sharing a room or vehicle) and before you enter a healthcare provider's office. If you are not able to wear a facemask (for example, because it causes trouble breathing), then people who live with you should not stay in the same room with you, or they should wear a facemask if they enter your room.

Cover your coughs and sneezes

Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw used tissues in a lined trash can and wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, immediately clean your hands with an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol, covering all surfaces of your hands and rubbing them together until they feel dry. Soap and water should be used preferentially if hands are visibly dirty.

Clean your hands

Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, clean your hands with an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol, covering all surfaces of your hands and rubbing them together until they feel dry. Soap and water should be used preferentially if hands are visibly dirty. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.

Avoid sharing personal household items

You should not share dishes, drinking glasses, cups, eating utensils, towels, or bedding with other people in your home. After using these items, you should wash them thoroughly with soap and water.

Monitor your symptoms

Seek prompt medical attention if your illness is worsening (e.g., shortness of breath or difficulty breathing). **Before** seeking care, call your healthcare provider and tell them that you have, or are being evaluated for, COVID-19. Put on a facemask before you enter the facility. These steps will help the healthcare provider's office keep other people from getting infected or exposed.

Ask your healthcare provider to call the local or state health department. Persons who are placed under active monitoring or facilitated self-monitoring should follow instructions provided by their local health department or occupational health professionals, as appropriate. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/risk-assessment.html>.

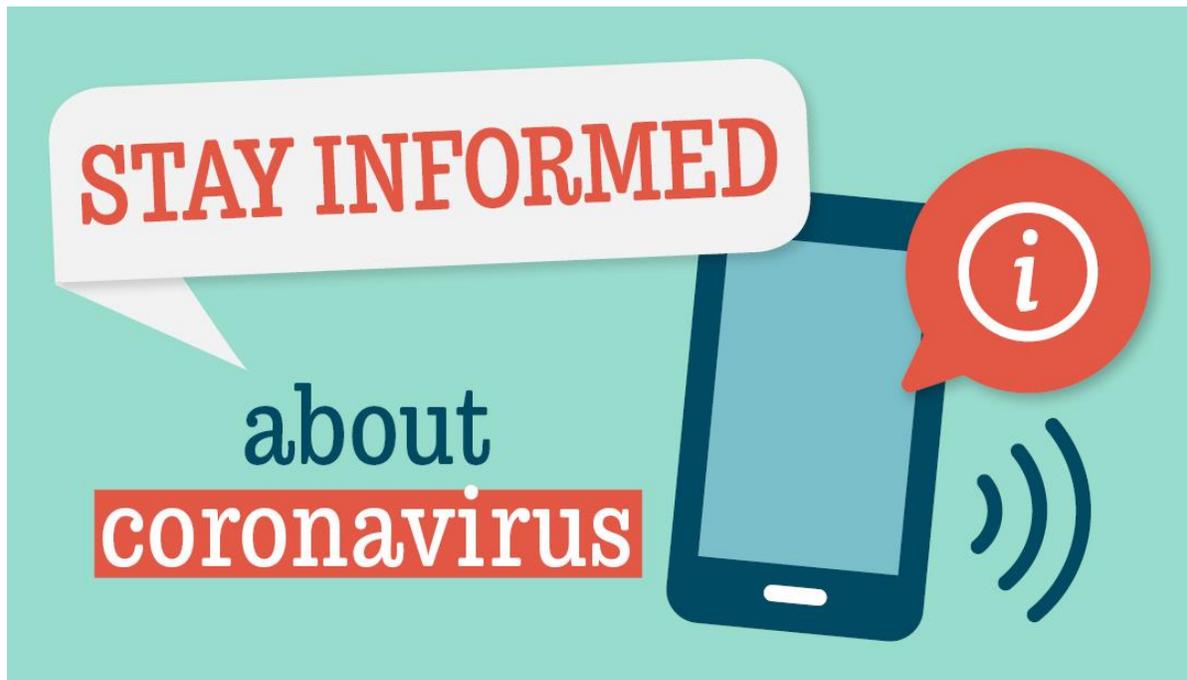
Discontinuing home isolation

Patients confirmed to have COVID-19 should remain under home isolation precautions until the risk of secondary transmission to others is thought to be low. The decision to discontinue home isolation precautions should be made on a case-by-case basis, in consultation with healthcare providers and state and local health departments. Current information on COVID-19 is limited; home precautions are conservative and based on general recommendations for other diseases, like Middle Eastern Respiratory Syndrome (MERS).



For more information: www.cdc.gov/COVID19

STAY INFORMED



Health officials are working tirelessly to protect public health and contain this virus. And, as your representative in Albany, I am working to ensure that our state is putting the health and safety of our families first.

Remember **COVID-19** can affect any community and we must stand by one another during this time, not alienate, threaten or discriminate against others.

For questions you can also reach out to the New York State's novel coronavirus hotline at **1-888-364-3065** . For continuous updates, you can visit the following websites:

- [Center for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#)
- [World Health Organization \(WHO\)](#)

The CDC also now has the option for you to sign up for weekly updates on COVID-19.

New Yorkers Can Sign Up for Email Updates [Here](#) and Ask

Questions About COVID-19 [Here](#)

New Yorkers Can Find More Information About the New COVID-19 Paid Sick Leave Law [Here](#)

Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte represents the 42nd Assembly District in Brooklyn covering Ditmas Park, Flatbush, East Flatbush and Midwood. She is currently the **Chair of the Subcommittee on Oversight of Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprises (MWBEs)** , and serves on the following committees: **Housing, Government Operations, Education , Banks, Health, and Higher Education** . She is also a member of the Task Force on Women's Issues and sits on **Governor Cuomo's Domestic Violence Advisory Council and Mayor De Blasio's MWBE Task Force.**

As a current Assemblymember, District Leader, and Chair of Brooklyn Democratic Party, Rodneyse Bichotte has been an outspoken advocate on issues concerning **immigration, education, economic development, unemployment, education reform, health care access, senior citizen centers, affordable housing, school safety, women's and LGBTQ rights** , as well as other issues affecting the quality of life in the community.

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